

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 34-43 are pending, with Claims 24-33 canceled by the present amendment.

In the Official Action, Claims 24-31 and 32-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baranowsky et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,732,359, hereinafter Baranowsky) in view of Kaibo (Nikkei Communications, 10-19-1998, pp 94-105), Bradley (U.S. Patent No. 5,995,041), Syed et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,038,451, hereinafter Syed) and Frankel et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,963,620, hereinafter Frankel). Claims 34-43 were allowed.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

Applicants traverse the rejection of Claims 24-33. However, to permit allowed Claims 34-43 to pass to issuance, Claims 24-33 are cancelled.


Accordingly, in light of the previous discussion, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request an early and favorable action to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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